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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated November 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring February 6, 2007 and the Notification dated May 7, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.